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ELDER JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints presided over quarterly conference sessions of Palo Alto and San Mateo Stake, Feb. 10 & 11. Conducting sessions for Palo Alto Stake was President David B. Haight. President William L. Stoker conducted San Mateo stake sessions. President Smith is one of the church's foremost historians, authors and authorities on doctrine. He has been a member of the Council of Twelve since 1910 and is a son of Joseph F. Smith, sixth president of the church.

Record Set At Library

When 101 persons were assisted at the genealogical library at the Interstake center, February 19, a new record was set, according to Pearl A. Sparks, head librarian.

Looking to future activities, the Library board, chaired by Calvin Wood, plans to start a question and answer column in The Messenger. Anyone interested, should write to the Genealogy Library board, 4780 Lincoln avenue, Oakland, California. A copy of your pedigree chart should accompany your first inquiry.

Regular library hours are: Mondays, 5 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays, 1 to 6 p.m.

In order to encourage research activity, some weeks have been scheduled for special emphasis for Bay Area stakes (you can get help at the Library any time in regular hours). Next emphasis week for Oakland-Berkeley is March 5-10; San Leandro, March 12-17; Walnut Creek, March 19-25; and Hayward stake, March 26-31.

Sunday Named For Red Cross

Churches in the Bay Area will observe Red Cross Sabbath and Sunday March 3 and 4, to open the traditional Red Cross month.

The month-long observance will see emphasis on the 19 services provided in local communities. The nine Red Cross chapters in the Bay area will join in the observance. Most of the financial support for the chapters comes from United Bay Area Crusade. In March, there is no door to door appeal for memberships to support the work, but letters are mailed to "friends of Red Cross."

One of the traditional services is Disaster Relief operations. Messenger Editor Dale E. Roe, Disaster Director for Oakland area, has gone to Idaho to assist operations in the flood areas near Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

Liahona Club Elects New 1962 Officers

The Liahona Club, San Francisco Bay Area's LDS business and professional men's club, has elected new officers for the coming year and has expanded its board of directors, it was announced today.

Taking over as president for 1962 is Sidney F. Feller. Other new officers are: Fred Famariss, first vice-president; Jack Evans, second vice-president; Jack Kelly, secretary; and Allan Tidwell, treasurer.

Brother Feller announced that directorship of the club has been expanded to include six stakes and that approximately forty new members were received into the organization.

At the February meeting of the Liahona Club at which the election was held, William L. Stoker, president of San Mateo Stake, gave an inspirational youth talk and Verl T. Bennett entertained the group with songs and guitar.

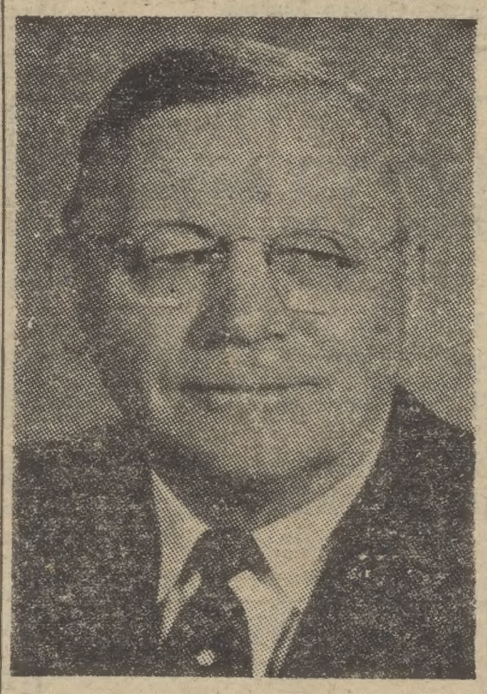
New Ward Is Formed, San Mateo Stake

By Gay Taylor

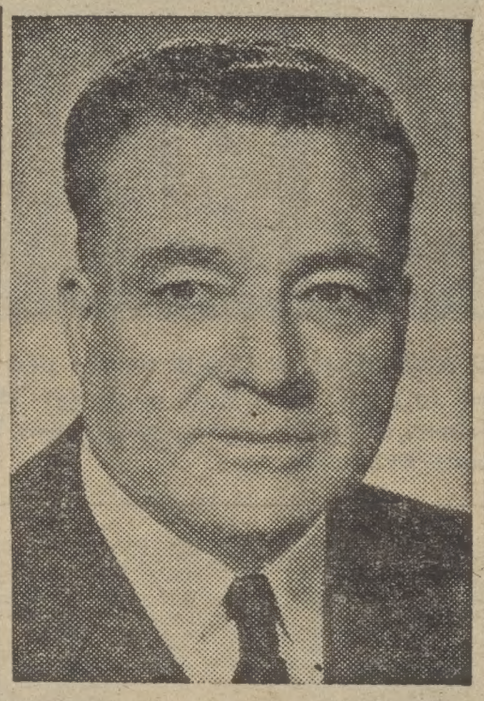
A new ward of San Mateo Stake has been created by redistributing portions of Redwood City and San Carlos wards. The new ward, Redwood City Second.

At a conjoint meeting presided over by Stake President William L. Stoker, Wayne Alsop was installed as bishop of the new ward. Bishop Alsop is an attorney employed as assistant general claims agent for the Southern Pacific Railway.

Counselors are H.D. Farnsworth, II, electronic sales engineer for Sierra Electric Corp.; and Rondo B. Chatterly, co-owner of General Office Equipment Co. in Burlingame.



ANTOINE R. IVINS presided over quarterly conference sessions for Monterey Bay stake, Feb. 24-25. A member of the First Council of Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elder Ivins is one of the seven-man council assigned to the world-wide mission work of the church.



HAROLD B. LEE, a member of the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, presided over quarterly conference sessions for the Oakland-Berkeley stake, Feb. 17-18. A major topic for discussion was: "The Search for Truth - Science and Religion."

100% Family, Third Son Accepts Call

Richard Wood, the third in his family of three young men to accept a mission call, will serve in the Southern Brazilian mission. His elder brothers are serving: Wayne in Central America and Gary in South America Richard will be honored at a farewell testimonial Sunday, March 11, at 6 p.m. at the Oakland Fourth ward.

Elder Wood was graduated from Fremont high school in 1959 and attended one year at the BYU. His parents are Fred and Elma Wood. He has been active in Scout and Explorer work; has won an individual Aaronic Priesthood award each year for seven years; and is at the present time serving as a resident missionary in the Oakland-Berkeley stake. He has been active in community affairs, serving first as an aide, then instructor, then in charge of training for the summer swim-to-live programs for Oakland Red Cross and the Oakland Recreation department.

Once before in the Oakland Fourth ward, three sons were on missions. While Charles and Louis Nackos were serving in Mexico, Frank left for Switzerland.

'Put On The Whole Armor Of God,' Elder Harold Lee Tells Conference

"Put on the Whole Armor of God," to help meet today's temptations and the skilled offerings of Satan; and learn and live Gospel principles, Elder Harold B. Lee urged at quarterly conference sessions, Sunday February 18, at the Interstake Center.

In discussing tithing, he recommended that we approach this matter honestly, and get the blessings which come from living the principle of tithing.

In appeals to young people, Elder Lee pointed out that youth, our future leaders, face great temptations, great odds, but they can meet these odds if they "keep tuned in" to the word of the Lord and live according to his desire for us.

He urged modesty in dress and stressed the importance of remaining morally clean that no "static" will come between our young people and the spirit of the Holy Ghost.

Relief Society Singing Mothers sang for the morning and afternoon sessions. A special youth fireside was held in the evening.

On Saturday evening the auditorium was filled with parents and boys and girls over 12 who came to see a special film, "The Search for Truth—Science and Religion."

Other conference speakers were President O. Leslie Stone, who conducted; Elmo R. Smith of the stake presidency; Sister Okahata who recently returned from a mission to the Far East; W. Paul Summerhays of the Stake presidency.

Youth speakers, Sunday afternoon, were Larry Gilbert, Janet Williams, Richard Pierce, Jo Ann Ricks.

Utah State Alums Plan Two Dinners

Two Utah State Alumni dinners are planned in the Bay Area the week-end of March 16-17. Each will bring a speaker from Utah State University administration and a new Aggie Film.

Golden Gate chapter will hold their dinner at 7:30 p.m. at Rickey's Studio Inn, Palo Alto, March 16.

The East Bay Chapter will meet at the Walnut Bowl in Pleasant Hill, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

In charge of arrangements for the East Bay are: Joe Muir, Walnut Creek, Treasurer; Melba Priday, Piedmont, secretary; Jean Smith, El Cerrito, vice president; and Dale E. Roe, president.

Planning the Golden Gate dinner are Anne Baxter Lund, secretary treasurer; Kent Harris, vice president, both of Menlo Park; and Cyril McClellan, president, of Burlingame.

If you haven't received a notice from the alumni office, send your mailing address to the Alumni association, Utah State University, or contact one of the local secretaries.

Sweetheart Ball March 3

Two stakes, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley, will join together for the annual Sweetheart Ball, March 3, at the Interstake center in Oakland. Time is 9:00 p.m.

Youth Awards At Conference

Youth awards were presented at the morning session of the Oakland-Berkeley conference, February 18, by members of the Stake High Council.

J. Ward Green presented the MIA girls' award for outstanding performance to Berkeley First ward for the quarter. Alameda ward scored highest for the year and will have permanent posession of the stake trophy.

M. Dee Smith, Chairman of the committee for Aaronic Priesthood under 21, presented the trophy for the fourth quarter and the year to the Oakland Fourth ward for performance by young men and their leaders. Oakland Third ward was edged out by just a few points for the year, and won the trophy for two quarters.

World's Fair Housing Plan

Anticipating that 350,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will visit the Seattle World's Fair this summer, the Seattle First Ward has organized a plan to be of service to members and at the same time to assist with building plans in the northwest.

Saints in the Seattle area will make housing accomodations available at a savings and at the same time the people making space available are doing so without personal profit. Because most commercial lodging has already been booked, members who are interested should contact L.D.S. World's Fair Housing Center, 2114 Thorndyke West, Seattle 99, Washington. Deadline is March 31. Information sheets and reservation forms have been mailed to Bay Area wards.

It is suggested that if sleeping bags are brought for youngsters it will be cheaper and easier to find lodging.

Spanish Sunday School Grows Rapidly In San Francisco Area

In a recent planning session with the San Francisco Stake Presidency great enthusiasm was expressed over the rapid growth of the Spanish sunday school that is being held in the Mission Ward chapel Sundays at 2 p.m.

The discussion disclosed that the group, led by Brother John Salas and started only last October, has grown from fourteen to sixty-five. The Sunday school has provided opportunities for worship and church service to many members living in the San Francisco Area who were previously semi-active or inactive due to the language barrier.

Plans were formulated to begin classes in English during Wednesday M.I.A. at 7:30 and to re-emphasize attendance at the Spanish priesthood classes Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and sacrament meeting as moves to increase participation for those who speak Spanish. A fund raising project and a monthly group dinner are other current activities.

It was concluded that with continued growth and activity a fully organized branch could be expected in the near future.

Members are urged to invite Spanish-speaking members and friends to any of the above mentioned meetings. Missionaries can be contacted for name referrals. Full-time missionaries assigned from the West Spanish-American Mission are Elders David C. Smith and Kenneth W. Hyde who can be reached at MI 7-1940 or 2606 Folsom. Stake Missionaries Brother and Sister John Wallis of 1040 Fulton are also laboring among the Spanish-speaking people.

My Testimony

A Contrite Spirit

By Mabel B. Liddell

"He that prayeth, whose spirit is contrite, the same is accepted of me, if he obey mine ordinances." D & C 52:15

This pattern for acceptable prayer was given by the Lord in June 1831, but it works now as it did then, and always will. To be contrite, according to the dictionary, is to be sincerely repentant with a true purpose of amendment..

Whenever I meet people with serious trouble, I think of this pattern for prayer and the story of Don and Judy Jones. How they unknowingly followed these instructions and their problems dissolved as a result.

Don and Judy were married in Idaho, where their first son was born. They then moved to San Francisco to make their home. They rented a furnished house at first and found expenses eating up almost more than their income. A new baby was coming and they began to quarrel about almost everything. They seemed to have lost their love for each other and were considering divorce.

At this point, Don in desperation, decided to pray about their heartbreaking conflicts. Retiring to a place where he could be alone, he promised the Lord that he would do anything possible in payment if only he could have divine help in saving his marriage.

The very next night two young men, introducing themselves as Stake Missionaries knocked at the door. Don was in a bad mood but he made an appointment for them to return the next week. He had lived in a Mormon community in Idaho and had been baptized when about ten years old, but had been almost entirely inactive in the church and knew little about it. Judy was reared in a Protestant church.

The next week the two young men kept their appointment and strangely enough, both Judy and Don began to be very interested in what they had to say. Both had much to learn and many questions to ask. Their discussions sometimes went far into the night. The missionaries, Robert Vaden and Clarence Gibby, both men with young families, could fully appreciate the problems in the Jones household.

By the second visit Don realized that the Lord had sent these two men in answer to his prayer. True to his promise he began to study, attend church and pray with Judy. She decided to be baptized after the last lesson but payment of tithing loomed up like an unsurmountable obstacle. After some discussion however, the Jones family decided to start paying it and to live the Lord's way in everything.

Already their home life was changing for the better. They were happier than in weeks and meeting new kindly friends at church cheered them greatly.

Judy was baptized and true to his promise, Don was ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood the day Judy was confirmed. He was soon asked to be Scoutmaster—a position he held for eighteen months. Four boys in his first troop were non-members of the church and he baptized one of them.

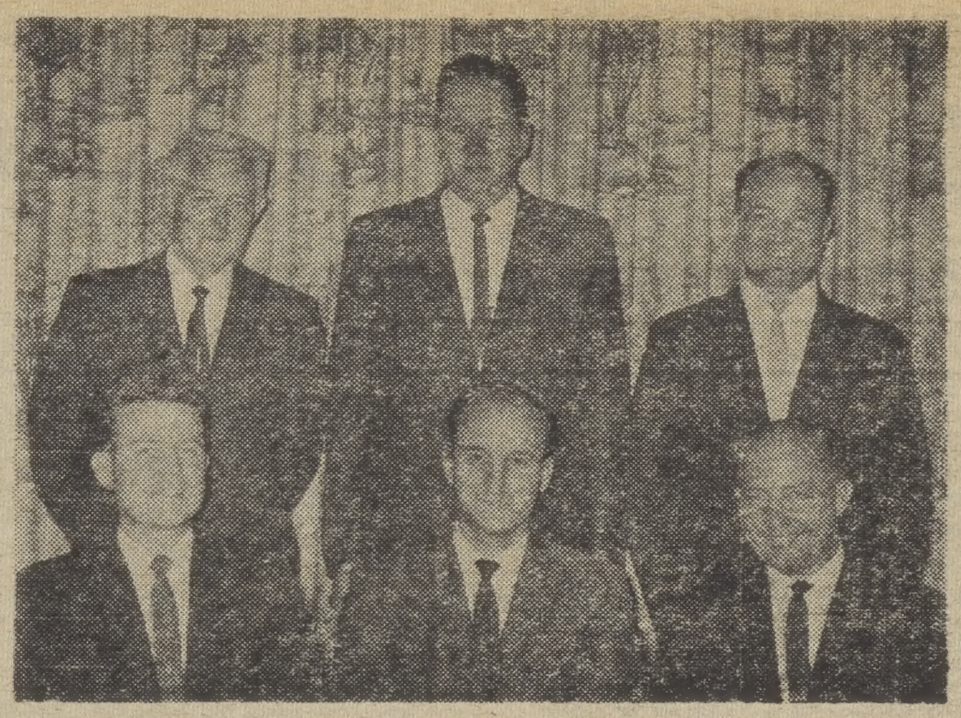
Very soon after they started paying tithing, they were able to obtain from totally unexpected sources, some very nice furniture and a refrigerator. This enabled them to move into a new unfurnished apartment which greatly improved their circumstances. They bought bunk beds for their two little boys and new clothing to meet their needs. Their money went further than ever before with no increase in salary.

Don says, "Our lives were up-graded in every way. We now own all our furniture, free from debt and have recently bought a new automatic washer. We are truly happier than ever before. In fact, we actually have a new and wonderful life in every way."

Judy has taught in Primary almost ever since she was baptized and she and Don are now parents of three beautiful children, two boys and a girl. A new baby is soon to arrive.

God bless Don and Judy Jones always. They have learned, as we all could learn, that true happiness doesn't come from aimless ease but only from divinely directed effort. Life has few problems too big to be solved when we follow the Lord's plan.

"He that prayeth, whose spirit is contrite, is accepted of me, if he obey mine ordinances."



SUNNYVALE SECOND ward's new Bishopric and clerks, front row, left to right: Blair Egli, counselor; Bishop Marion S. Wittwer; Danford Schow, counselor; back row, clerks, William Murphy, Daniel Mehr and Lane Pendleton.

BISHOPRIC of the newly-created Redwood City Second ward of San Mateo stake are (from left) H. D. Farnsworth II, first counselor; Bishop Wayne Alsop; and Rondo B. Chatterly, second counselor. The new ward was created by redistributing parts of Redwood City and San Carlos wards.

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Little Phrases

By Isaac B. Ball

"All wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature and use of man".

Where is this phrase to be found in Scripture?

What are we to understand by the two words "wholesome herbs"

First. The little phrase is part of the Word of Wisdom (Doc. Cov. 89:10) where the Lord turns from the negative things that are not good for man, to the positive, the things he says he has "ordained" for the constitution, nature and use of man.

Second, as to the meaning of "wholesome herbs", a few people have thought the word refers here to 'herb teas'. But the dictionary says an herb is a seed plant that does not develop woody tissue, being more or less succulent and soft.

This dictionary definition is expanded by Dr. Sidney B. Sperry of the Brigham Young University as follows: 'wholesome herbs may be defined as edible plants or vegetables as they are commonly known'. Fruits are included in the next verse (11) wherein the Lord adds, "all these are to be used with prudence and thanksgiving."

Let's hear Dr. Sperry again: "The Lord specifies these are to be used with prudence and thanksgiving. Today the word prudence means much more to men than it did in the days of the Prophet, for food chemistry has made tremendous advance since his time.

"Today, a good cook, before serving takes such steps to protect the vitamins and minerals in fruits and vegetables as would create wonderment in the mind of a cook of the 'good old days.'".

A third question is now in order: What position of prominence does the Lord give to vegetables and fruits in the Word of Wisdom?

The answer to this query is that the Lord places fruits and vegetables immediately following the negative things, the strong drink, tobacco, tea and coffee, and ahead of the other human foods mentioned in the Word of Wisdom—the flesh of beasts and fowls and the various grains, and particularly 'wheat for man'. The Lord places fruits and vegetables first in human nutrition, it seems.

It is now known that children will grow up loving vegetables and fruits of all kinds if these are before them at meals and for snacks, and the appetite is not spoiled beforehand by between and after meal sweets, candies and rich desserts.

The promises of health, strength and long life which close the Word of Wisdom depend more, perhaps, on the foods, the positive half, than on any other part. When we ask, Does he or she keep the Word of wisdom we commonly think only of abstinence from strong drink, tobacco, tea and coffee. But who has authority to omit the life giving foods which the Lord himself says there he has 'ordained for the constitution, nature and sue of man'. What stronger words could the Lord have used than these to stress the first importance of the fruits and vegetables?

If we want the promises of the Word of Wisdom-vibrant health and long life—can one afford to neglect the foods which he has "ordained for our very 'nature'?

BLAINE AND RUTH WILSON, talented Bay Area church members will present a musical program March 16 at 8 p.m. in the Walnut Creek chapel. Contributions will be accepted toward the building fund of the Lafayette-Orinda ward. A similar program will be presented by this popular couple for the Hayward Third ward building fund, March 31 in Hayward ward. They will perform soprano and tenor solos and will also present duets. Also featured will be Marjorie Wood Remington, pianist and accompanist.

Oakland 3rd, Arden, Region Two Winners

Oakland Third ward's senior basketball team out-scored Sunset ward to represent Region Two at Salt Lake City in the world-wide tournaments.

Arden Ward beat the West Fresno ward quint and will represent Region Two in the Juniors tourney.

Selection of the Region Two winners ended this year's stake, division and regional tournament for more than 1,000 players and coaches involved is Northern California.

Oakland Third averaged 23 points a game margin in the tourney; placed 4 starters in the top-scorer lists, the fifth starter was named most valuable player; and besides winning the first place trophy in the region, they also bagged the coveted sportsmanship trophy.

Thomas Beraz To Mission In Australia

By Emil Lidtka

A Farewell Testimonial was held recently in the Rodeo ward for Elder Thomas Glen Beraz, son of Joseph M. and Beatrice June Bradeson Beraz, prior to his departure for the Southern Australian Mission. He filled a Summer Mission in the ward in 1960.

Elder Beraz graduated from Harry Ells high and Berkeley Stake Seminary in 1960. In high school he was an accomplished athlete, lettering in basketball and football. He attended Contra Costa College for one year and then went to work for Standard Oil Co.

Those desiring to write Elder Beraz may send letters to the Southern Australian Mission; 189 Kooyong Road; Toorak, S.E.2; Victoria Australia.

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Robert Parnell Baptized As Church Member

By Lois H. Butler

Robert Lee Parnell was baptized a member of the Church in Walnut Creek Ward after a week's intensive investigation.

Daniel Kientz, a nephew of Max and Bertha Greene, brought Bob with him to visit the Greenes for a few days. The two young men had been working in Oregon and sharing a trailer there.

The Greenes invited Bob to attend Saturday night session of Stake Conference with them and, when he was interested in it, they asked him to attend Sunday morning. After attending all three Sunday sessions Bob told Elders Cochran and Hunt, full time missionaries, that he must know more of the Church.

The Elders had a daily discussion period with him—although sometimes in the early morning in order to make it possible. Early in the week he decided on baptism, and was baptised the following Saturday.

Bob had attended a small Seventh Day Adventist College last year, where he studied all main religions except that of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He found in Mormon doctrine the things he had always believed but was never able to find.

One morning early Sister Greene got up to check the light burning in the dining room and found Bob had been unable to sleep and was up reading cross references in scripture.

Since joining the Church, Bob has participated fully in all meetings, welfare projects, and in all ways shown his sincerity. He has been ordained a Deacon.

Ronnie Greene, son of the Max Greenes, and his cousin Dan Kientz have gone to the BYU while Bob has remained here to work. He lives in his trailer house and takes his meals with the Greenes. His home is in Los Angeles.

Mormonaires

By Vera Johnston

Members of the Mormonaires club heard choice bits of wisdom on the subjects of humor, love, comradeship and honesty, by Bishop E. Curtis McMullin of the Oakland Third ward, Sunday, Feb. 4.

W. Scott Barrett, an amateur astronomer centered his talk around "Worlds Without Number have I created." He showed pictures of and discussed galaxies, and also discussed comets.

Club President Claire Judd announces that dues are payable, and that single church members may come to three sessions before joining. Membership is by invitation only. Interested persons who have not received invitations should contact officers, stake high council representatives or stake representatives.

Feb. 10, Shirley Bunnell of Oakland Fourth gave an hour's instruction in dancing, after which a Valentine party was enjoyed.

Next Fireside is March 4 at 8 p.m. at 4705 Virginia street, Oakland. April's meeting is April 1.

Social Honors Frank Parsons

Francis "Frank" Parsons of Berkeley Second ward, and former High Priests group leader for more than 20 years, was honored by a social at the home of Dr Douglas Ream. M. C. for the social which 35 members and their wives attended, was class instructor Robert Cain. Irving Erickson presented a scroll which was signed by members of the quorum and Brother Parsons responded with a Scriptural reading.

Lafayette-Orinda Ward

World Travel Attracts Four Ward Members

Four members of the Lafayette-Orinda Ward can now qualify as full-fledged world travelers.

Recently returned from a month-long stay in Ethiopia is Elmo Morgan. He was called there by Dr. Bentley of the University of Utah to help establish a new University near the capitol of Ethiopia. On his return trip, Brother Morgan stopped in Scotland for three days to visit with his son Kent, who is on a mission there.

Dr. Robert G. Larsen, just back from a three year stay in England, has been transferred to Modesto for two years. Brother Larsen will serve as head of the Shell Chemical Agricultural Division there.

Tom Ferguson and Brother Owen Collett are now on a trip to Mexico, visiting Mexico City, Veracruz, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Tapachula, Guatemala, and Tikal. Tom is Secretary of the BYU New World Archeological Foundation, and this trip will include a study of the progress being made at Tapachula.

While at Veracruz Tom and Owen visited Toms nephew who is on a mission there. He reports that they are working 90 hours a week to keep up with the demands of the people. Their new Chapel is full every week, and people come up to them on the streets and ask to be taught the gospel.

12 Paintings On Exhibit For Alamedan

Nine oil and three tempera paintings by Mrs. Eugene Daniels of Alameda ward, were exhibited in the Art Gallery of the Alameda Free library, during February.

Although she has been painting for many years, and is a charter member of the Alameda Art association, this is her first one-man show.

Her other hobbies include: a large collection of buttonhooks; she is a rock-hound; has won many prizes at the County Fair for crochet handiwork and home canning; and is an active genealogist.

Florals, landscapes, a sea-scape, and estuary scenes made up the exhibit.

RICHARD WOOD will be honored at a farewell testimonial in the Oakland Fourth ward chapel, 4705 Virginia street, Sunday, March 11, at 6 p.m. He will serve in the Southern Brazil mission. He is the third son of a family of three boys of Fred and Elma Wood who are serving on missions at the same time. Wayne is in Central America and Gary in South America.

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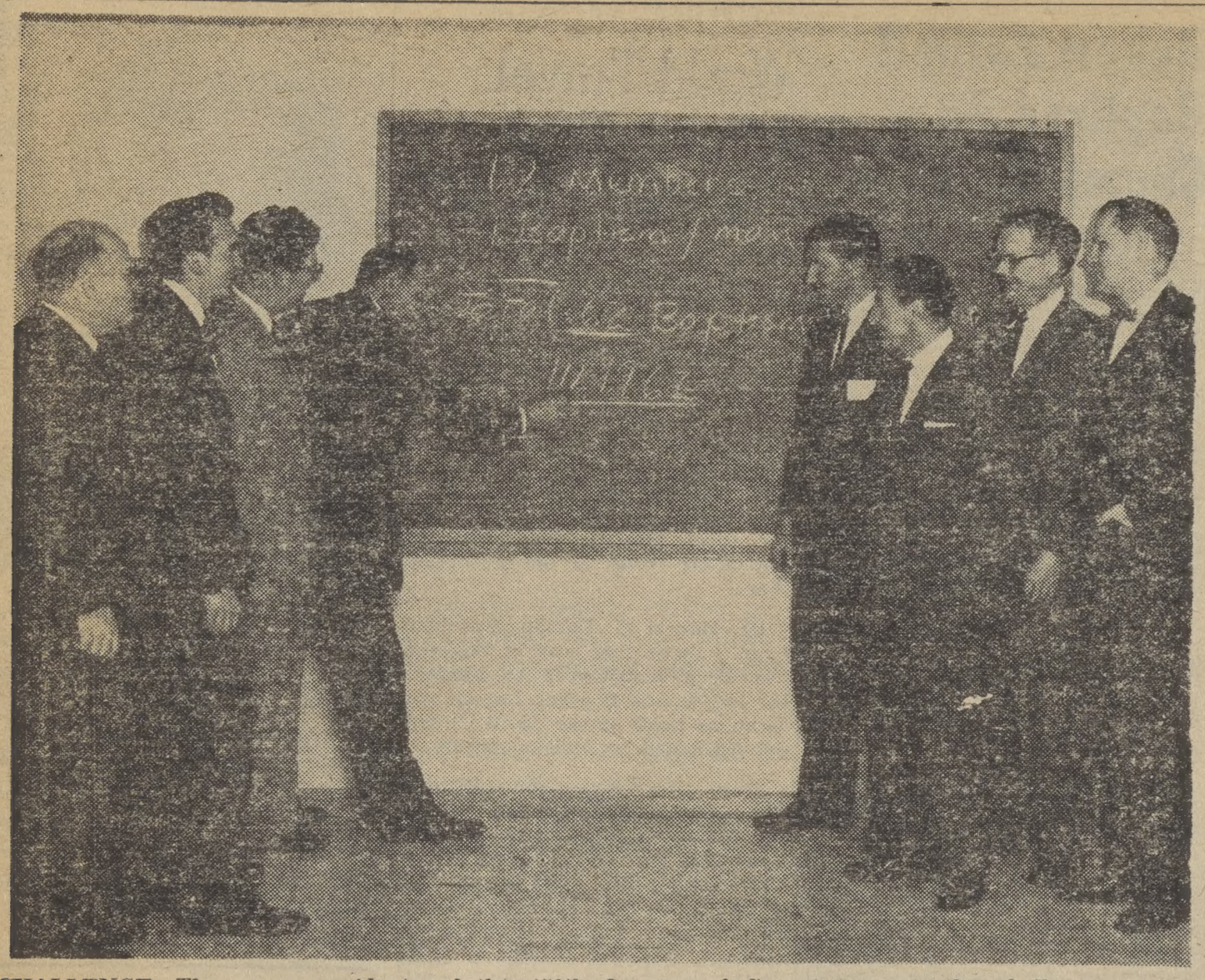

CHALLENGE—The seven presidents of the 458th Quorum of Seventy accepts the challenge presented by Edward L. Howard of the San Mateo Stake presidency—one baptism per quorum member for the year of 1962. Presidents are, from left, Thomas E. Woods, Billie Trammell, Willis Eicke, Howard, C. Leon Collett, E. Fritz Signer, W. R. McQueen, and Everett R. Pendleton.

"Ginger" At Interstake On March 30

"Time Out For Ginger," will be staged at the Interstake center, Friday, March 30, at 8:15 p.m., by Walnut Creek Stake Mutual Improvement association.

The popular comedy is directed by Fern Nelson.

Cast includes: Gaye Stucki as Ginger; Carolyn Hill as Jeannie; Sharon Carlson as Joan; Don Lind as Eddie; Melvin Spencer as Tommy; Enid Young, Liz; Leo Hanson, Mr. Hoffman; Henry Eames, Mr. Wilson; John Nelson, Howard; and Fern Nelson, Agnes.

Ground Breaking For Chapel Soon

Ground breaking for the new Lafayette-Orinda Ward Chapel is expected to take place on or before April 1, it was reported recently.

Plans for the Chapel, which will closely resemble the Menlo Park-Stanford Chapel building in Menlo Park, are in the hands of the architects in Salt Lake City for their approval.

Completion of the new Lafayette-Orinda Chapel will require the help of all Ward members since present plans call for the use of volunteer labor whenever it is possible to do so.

Party Honors Anniversary

A small family party was held Jan. 31 to honor the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Albert and Pearl Rogers. The Rogers' three daughters, Mrs. LaRue England, Mrs. Dolores Cochran, Mrs. Joy Nichols, with their husbands and children, and Mrs. Rogers' sister and brother-in-law, Blanche and Leo Crandall, were present.

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MEMBER CLAREMONT WARD

Claremont Ward Asked To Support New Plan To Meet Welfare Needs

By Betty Moss

The Claremont Ward Bishopric this month called for the support of all ward members in a new method of filling welfare needs.

Instead of the regular monthly dinners, Claremont Ward members are now being asked to contribute 1½ per cent of their income each month to support the welfare and ward maintenance budgets.

Four dinners will be held throughout the year, each without cost to those attending. The first one of these dinners will be on March 2 and will be prepared by the Relief Society.

Other dinners will be held in conjunction with the ward carnival in May, the Relief Society bazaar in September, and the Primary Christmas program in December.

LaMont Bench's newest play, "Countess Delacroix's Portrait," will be presented after the March 2 dinner. Principals in the cast of the comedy are Donna Weir, Rudy Glauser, and Don Rogers. Supporting players will be Beverly Merrill, Peggy Ahlborn, Kathy Leighton, Trinette Carr, Phil Millward, Dave Barry, and Leo and LaRae Grant.

The M.I.A. Speech Festival was held February 13 under the direction of Myrtle Snarr. Kathy Leighton received a superior rating, and Marnise Reiche and Robert Ahlborn received excellent ratings. A Valentine party followed the speech program. Julien and Duwayne Hafen provided atmospheric decorations. Dancing was enjoyed by all. Beverly Merrill served strawberry sodas for refreshments.

Bobby Morgan and Vernon Muhr received their Star Scout awards at a Court of Honor held February 20. Merit badges were received by Paul Barry, Dave Wilkins, Wyatt Ribarich, Robert Ahlborn, and David Stoddard. New Tenderfoots are Skip Barry, John Leighton, Christopher Gragg, and Jim Briggs.

Robert Kassow, a former member of the ward, received his Life Scout award on February 11.

Signe Slangerup Weds Feb. 28

Signe Slangerup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slangerup of Alameda ward, was married February 28, in the Salt Lake Temple to Lynn Grant Hale of Salt City. Signe is a student at BYU. Lynn is a returned missionary and a graduate of BYU. They will make their home in Alphine, Utah.

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LINDA DECKER, a student at Brigham Young University, is one of 85 United States Undergraduates selected to attend a semester at the University of Vienna, Austria, under the auspices of the Institute of foreign studies. The group will tour western Europe on three separate field trips as a part of their course of study. Linda is a member of Oakland Third ward, is a daughter of Carl and Esther Decker.

WALLACE CARR, son of Elmo and Ellen Carr has been called on a mission to Uruguay. He was honored at a Farewell testimonial Feb. 25 in the Oakland Third ward chapel. He is the second from Oakland Third to serve in Uruguay—the first, Wes Matheson.

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Christensen Reports In Work Of University Archeological Society

Recent activities of the University Archaeological Society were outlined for Messenger readers this month by Dr. Ross T. Christensen, secretary of the society.

Christensen, chairman of the Department of Archaeology at BYU, is well known in California because of his popular series of lectures on the Archaeology of the Scriptures given at the Northern California Leadership Week in Oakland Aug. 28 to Sept. 1 last year.

Dr. Christensen reports that outstanding among the BYU meetings of the University Archaeological Society is the annual symposium on the "Archaeology of the Scriptures" presented since 1947 by the society in cooperation with the Department of Archaeology at the Brigham Young University.

The last symposium was held April 1, 1961 on the campus of BYU in Provo ,Utah. The meetings were free to all members of the society with others paying $1. On display at the "Y" during the symposium were two exhibits, one of which was entitled "Uncovering an Ancient Walled City in the Book of Mormon Area of Mesamerica"; the other was an actual life-size drawing of the "Lehi Tree-of-Life Stone" which still stands at Izapa, Mexico (Izapa Stele 5).

Papers read at the symposium on April 1 included "The Dead Sea Scrolls", "Preparation and Precaution in Scriptural Study", "Ancient Records on Metal Plates", "Problems in Book of Mormon Archaeology", "Science and Religion" and "Progress of 1961 excavations at Aguacatal."

For many, the highlight of the day were the remarks of Dr. Earl C. Crockett, academic vice-president of the BYU, who announced an intensified program of Archaeological Research to be conducted by the University in Mesaamerica.

He mentioned that in June, 1960, a trip to southern Mexico was made by Elders Mark E. Petersen and Marion G. Romney, general authorities of the LDS church; Dr. Ernest Wilkinson, president of BYU, and Mr. Joseph T. Bentley, University comptroller. This group invited Thomas Stuart Ferguson to accompany them.

They returned full of enthusiasm, and subsequently prepared a 90-page report that was presented to the First Presidency of the church.

As a result the Church has pledged itself to a continuing program of field research which will be directed through Brigham Young University. A sizeable appropriation has already been made for 1962.

The First Presidency has appointed a board to supervise the research program, consisting of Elder Howard W. Hunter, chairman, Elder Mark E. Petersen, Elder Marion G. Romney, President Ernest L. Wilkinson, Vice-president Earl C. Crockett, Mr. Joseph T. Bentley, Dr. M. Wells Jakeman and Thomas Stuart Ferguson.

Members of the University Archaeoligical Society may obtain copies of the society's Newsletter which contains the report of the 1961 Annual Symposium by writing to the society at BYU, Provo, Utah.

Oakland Third Basketballers Win Tourney

By Nannette E. Coulter

Senior basketballers of the Oakland Third Ward won the right to represent Region Two in the Salt Lake City tournament to be held late in February by winning five straight games.

Both the Senior and Junior teams from Oakland Third Ward went into the Region tourney as Stake champions, but the Juniors fell short of the mark set by the seniors, and lost their chance to go to Salt Lake City this year.

The February social of the Young Marrieds held at the Hoopes' residence on the evning of Feb. 5, was a resounding success. Plans were made for future events, including a Sewing Club to be held the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at the homes of various members.

Louis Johnson was elected as President, Jackie Alder as Secretary, and Isabel Morgan as Social Secretary. All young (and young-in-heart) marrieds are invited to contact any of the officers for information on coming events.

The first week of February saw Ottile Parrish and Connie Bennett baptized and confirmed as members of the Church.

Blanche Henderson, of Oakland Third Ward, has been awarded an honorary Life Membership by the Bret Harte P. T.-A.

Walnut Creek Ward

DUP Conclave Scheduled For Walnut Creek

By Dorothea Marker

Walnut Creek Ward's Daughters of Utah Pioneers will host the DUP Convention on March 17, it was announced this month.

Attending the conclave, which will be held in Walnut Creek, will be a representative from the Central Chapter. Announcement that the Walnut Creek DUP's would serve as hostesses came at a Feb. 15 meeting of the local group at the home of Erma Bledsoe.

Highlighting the February DUP meet, Barbara Hansen gave a biographical sketch of her great grandmother Elizabeth Ann Whitney.

In other Ward news it was revealed that the Cecil Behunin family is leaving to make their home in Palo Alto. Sister Behunin has been serving as a Teacher in the Primary. Anita Bledsoe, daughter of Guy and Irma Bledsoe, has returned home after completing her business course at the BYU.Russell and Bruce Muir, sons of Brother and Sister Joseph Muir, are attending the BYU this semester.

Lois Butler has been released with a vote of thanks after serving as your reporter for 2½ years. Dorothea Marker has been chosen to replace her.

SIXTY YEARS of marriage were observed by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas David Phillips when friends honored them at a reception in the San Leandro Second ward, February 5.

San Leandro

60th Wedding Anniversary

Thomas David Phillips, 82, and Effie Estella Smith Phillips, 79, of 76 Georgia Way, San Leandro, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, February 5, when they were honored at a reception held at the San Leandro Second ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Pnillips were married February 5, 1902, in the Salt Lake Temple by Elder John R. Winder.

They are the parents of six living children, 13 grand-children and 8 great-grandchildren. Children are: Mrs. Theone (Alta) Woodfield of San Leandro, Mrs. Gene (Nona) West of Orinda; Leo Phillips of Boise, Idaho; Wendell Phillips, San Leandro; Edward LaVern Phillips, Sacramento; and Mrs. Victor (Geraldine) Masington, Hayward.

Mr. Phillips was born March 7, 1879 in Snowville, Utah; and Mrs. Phillips, June 17, 1882 in Farmington, Utah. They have resided in San Leandro since 1936. Mr. Phillips has geen retired from the Southern Pacific railroad since 1952. He is a High Priest and both have been active in the churchc of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints all their lives.

Laws Returns

Donald Laws, son of Mrs. Eleanor S. Laws of Mission ward, is home after a two year mission in the Gulf statee. He is new Superintendent of the YMMIA and plans to study dentistry.

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Utahn Named As First President Of New University Of Ethiopia

Did you know that a University of Utah dean is now the first president of the new University of Ethiopia?

Here is the intriguing story.

In 1959, enough separate college units were in existence in Ethiopia to warrant their ultimate consolidation and expansion into a university.

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie retained a survey team from the University of Utah to make recommendations toward this end.

Dean Harold W. Bentley and his team arrived in the capital of Ethiopia early in December, 1959. When they turned in their report several months later, the emperor not only accepted their recommendations but he persuaded Harold Bentley to stay on as acting first president of the University of Ethiopia.

When the question of a site for this first university came up, all promising sites were found to be too remote or lacking in spaciousness and natural appeal.

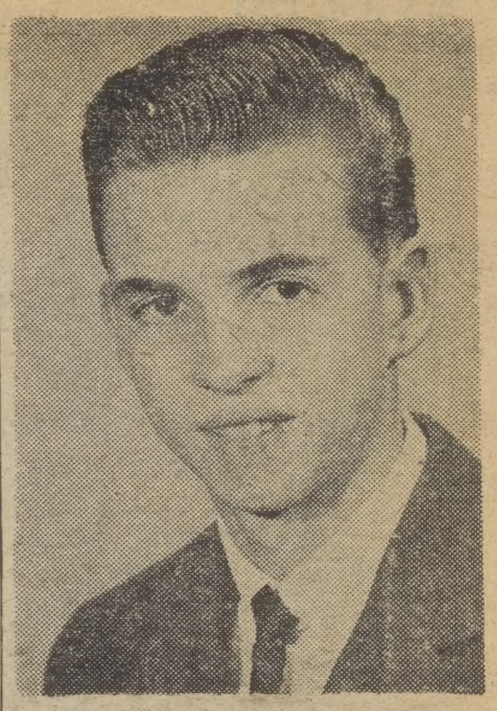
Then the emperor hit upon the surprizing answer. He would move out of the royal palace with its various buildings, vast gardens and fields and turn the entire establishment over to the university.

Bentley was elated. There could be no more dramatic proof that the university had become the number one objective of the government. This was reinforced when the emperor agreed to serve as the chancellor. He also agreed to give a course in Ethiopian history and government.

On December 18, 1861, the dedication ceremonies for the new university were held on the steps of the royal palace. The emperor formally handed over to the board of governors of the university the palace and its lovely and extensive grounds.

Faculty and students brought the audience up to 3,000, and not far away were some 10,000 school children who had come to the imperial grounds as part of the general celebration.

It was a proud hour for Ethiopia. It was also a proud hour for the United States, because American financial aid had helped make the university possible, and because a man by the name of Harold Bentley was giving himself to it. The President of the United States sent official greetings to Emperor Selassie and to the University of Ethiopia.



MARVIN BROWN was honored at a farewell testimonial January 28 and will serve in the British mission. He is the son of Bishop Heber J. and Dorothy Brown. Bishop Brown, confined to his home after a serious injury, was unable to attend, so he wrote a letter to his son which was read. Marvin's father and elder brother served in the same mission.

Oakland Second Ward

Three Get New Church Offices

By Betty Grommesh

Three Oakland Second Ward members, Elma Hall, Adelia Lamph and John Ellis, now hold new church offices.

Elma Hall was sustained as secretary of the Relief Society, taking over from Verna Johnson who was released after serving in the position for a year.

Adelia Lamph was called as secretary of YWMIA and John Ellis as activity counselor in the YMMIA.

William Coats was ordained a Priest and Robert Pickett a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. Brother Coats has been in the church about nine months and is serving as stake secretary of the Senior Aaronic and a teacher in the Sunday School.

Randy Stein was confirmed a member of the church and Bruce and Karen Stein were given blessings. Blessings were also given to Dale Sakschewski, grandson of Ray Darton's, and to Jo Plazola Jr., son of Joe and Thella Plazola.

Many new members have moved into the ward among them are: Estell and Gary Glamb, Ruth and David Worthen, Clarence Dinsley and Clifton Merkely. Clifton is the husband of Shirley Rounds, and is serving in the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Linda Goldsmith has transferred from BYU to San Jose State College to be near home.

The Williams Shaw's have moved into their new home on Edgemont Avenue. William is the first counselor in our Bishopric. Their daughter, Karen, who is attending BYU but has been doing student teaching was home an additional week to help with the move.

The MIA had an enjoyable Valentine Party on the 13th of February. Many attended and enjoyed the skits, music and dancing.

Elicia Towsley the mother of Betty Allphin is here visiting from Pocatello, Idaho. Her home is an apartment in one of the areas of Pocatello that flooded in the middle of February. She will spend a few weeks with her daughter before returning home.

The Oakland Second Ward basketball team, coached by Truman Nethercott, won the Stake Championship but was beat out of the Regional by the San Francisco Stake. The team is composed of Truman Nethercott, Allan Johnson, Sheldon Clark, Merian Robins, Jo Ahuna, Wayne Hubbell, Dino Anast and Howard Hurd.

Our Bishop's wife Mabel Drushal has been in the East Oakland Hospital recuperating from major surgery. Theo Alexander has been released from the Veterans Hospital. He is in critical condition from cancer. Zelnora Evans has also been in the hospital for surgery. James McDonald, ward financial clerk who recently suffered a heart attack, is on the road to recovery.

Bay Business Men To Give BYU Lectures

Dale Bowen, bishop of Palo Alto Ward, David B. Haight, president of Palo Alto Stake, and William D. Daniels of Sacramento will deliver three of the weekly lectures at the spring semester Executive Lecture series at the Brigham Young University, now going on.

Dale Bowen is partner in the national accounting firm of Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart. President Haight is president of the Palo Alto Hardware Company, and William D. Daniels is sales manager of the Sacramento Agency of the Western States Life Insurance Company.

MOVE TO PENNSYLVANIA

The Grant Wilson family of Alameda ward are moving to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where Grant has accepted a position as a chemist.

Danville Ward

Party Honors 2nd Birthday

By Elizabeth O'Nion

Danville Ward celebrated its second birthday with a dinner and party. The Primary under the Chairmanship of Jane Friden transformed the Grange Hall into a thing of beauty for the occasion. The Relief Society under the direction of Grace Clark, President, planned and served a meal of baked chicken with pilau, salad, and french bread; with homemade apple pie. The Mutual furnished the entertainment for the evening, with Floyd and Maxine Pickett lending their talents as Emcees.

The ward Scout Troop 225 had a wonderful day at Dodge Ridge trying their skill at skiing and tobogganing.

We welcome the arrival of a new family, Ralph and Delores King and their children. Brother King will be Explorer leader.

Kathy Schofield has been called to serve as First Counselor in the Primary and Maxine Pickett will serve as a teacher in the Co-Pilot class. At present all the Primary workers are busy on their annual penny drive for the Primary Children's Hospital.

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Two Engagements Are Announced

Two of Berkeley Second ward's attractive young ladies have announced their engagements: Sherry Elaine Evans to David R. Pack of Los Angeles; and Nancy Bagness to James R. Latham of Salt Lake City.

David Pack's parents are Paul M. and Alice E. Pack, currently on a mission to Hawaii, in charge of landscaping a Maori villiage.

James Latham's parents are Dr. Charles and Mrs. Latham.

The young couples met at Brigham Young University where they plan to finish their education after their weddings.

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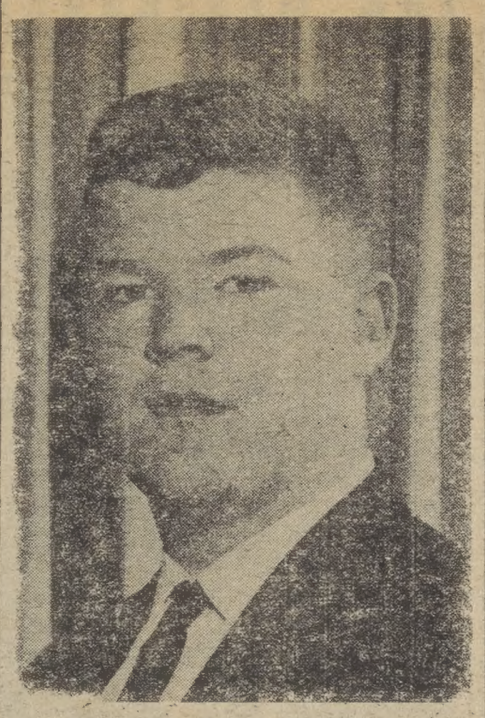

THOMAS GLEN BERAZ was honored at a farewell testimonial at Rodeo ward, recently. He will serve in the Southern Australian mission.

Jim Baker Escapes Death In Freak Mishap

By Dorothea Marker

Jim Baker of Walnut Creek Ward, son of Brother and Sister George Baker, was injured and escaped death while working on his car Saturday, February 10.

He was under the car when part of the frame gave away hitting him on the forehead, causing a fractured skull and severe cuts on forehead. He was rushed to Concord Community Hospital where he underwent surgery.

He is now recovering satisfactorily.

LaVon Pardini has been released as Ward Chorister. Dr. Phillip Dalby has been sustaind to fill the position.

The Laurel Girls of the YW-MIA honored their Fathers with a lovely dinner held at the home of Lucille Schow, their teacher.

Mark Redfield sat in the "Special Chair" in Junior Sunday School recently following his announcement was that he has a new baby sister, born December 26. Her name is Heidi Suzanne. They are the children of Glen and Joanne Redfield.

Phil and Phylis Christopherson are leaving Walnut Creek ward. Phil has been called for duty in the Armed Services in Vietnam. Phylis and her children are moving to Brigham City, Utah. to await his return. Phylis was sering as a Junior Sunday School Teacher and Chorister for Relief Society.

Sister Millie Clement will replace her as Chorister.

New members to be baptized and confirmed this month were Kathleen Krey, Lorine Andrews and William J. Tosher.

Two special events for the Relief Society will be held this month. On March 13 a Birthday Luncheon wil be staged, and on March 31 a Dessert Fashion Show will be presented. A special invitation has been issued to all women in the Ward to attend both events.

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Pair Combine Mission Work With Sports

By Betty Moss

Two newly-arrived enthusiastic Claremont Ward elders, Doug Larsen and Ronney Jensen, have successfully combined missionary work with a newly created sports program.

The pair, who came to Claremont Ward just three months ago, have already organized and are running a basketball league whose players are composed primarily of non-member boys.

Under the coaching of Jim Thorne and Jeff Millward 16 teams are already in competition, with four more teams scheduled to be formed soon.

The players attend discussions on the Gospel and learn to pray before their practices and games. The Elders call upon the parents of the participating boys and invite them to attend adult discussions on the Gospel. Parents have been appreciative and receptive toward these activities.

The winner of the basketball tournament will be judged on a point system. Besides games won, points toward the championship are earned by attendance at Church meetings. The activity will be climaxed at the close of the season by an open house on March 9 at the Inter-Stake Center for both the boys and their parents.

President Pugh of the Northern California Mission is expected to be present.

Scouts Move Town Library

"Service is our business," states Bishop Herman Christensen, Committee Chairman of Troop and Post 738.

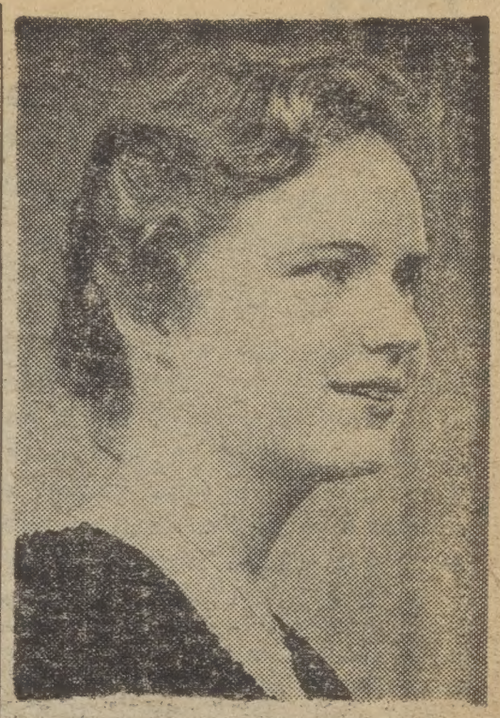
Seventeen scouts and explorers moved books from the old Castro Valley Library to the new building on Redwood Road on January 27. It was estimated that they moved nearly 10,000 books and magazine.

This activity was the climax to their December service project when they participated in the library flag ceremony during the dedication of the new building.

In February the boys had the opportunity to help Bishop Heber Brown. While lying in bed in a cast, Bishop Brown was able to watch the scouts and explorers clear his land and repair the road.

In addition the group displays the flag in front of thirty-five stores along Castro Valley Blvd. Flags are shown as a service to the community and as a money making project to help the boys earn camp money.

"These activities give the boys an opportunity to help people and the community. From such service projects the boys learn to accept responsibility. They also gain a feeling of being helpful," commented Bishop Christensen.



SARA TAYLOR, of the Redwood City ward, and a senior at Woodside high school has received a gold and blue enamel pin designating her as a permanent member of the California scholars' federation, chapter 610. Her high school will recognize her by putting a gold seal on her diploma and by allowing her to wear a gold tassel on her graduation cap. In the Woodside high senior class of 347 there are 16 other students who have the pin. Sara is secretary and organist of the Junior Sunday School and earned her individual award for 1961 and is social chairman for her Laurel class.

Rodeo Ward

B. Tichenor New Relief Society Head

By Emily Lidtka

Newly sustained Relief Society president Beverly Tichener, of Rodeo ward, has chosen Florence Pryor and Shirley Baker as counselors and has kept Josephine Bush as secretary. One of the first things she did was honor visiting teachers with a luncheon. Those with 100% in their teaching sat at the honor table and received a hand-made wood fibre corsage. Each teacher also received a pair of hand-made ear-rings.

Primary girls held their "Daughters and Daddies party" this month.

For the first time the Rodeo Ward was host to the stake MIA dances this month.

Elder Gordon Bascomb who labored in the Rodeo Ward last year was a welcome visitor this month after completing his mission and before returning to his home in Roosevelt, Utah.

The young Priests presented a check to Bishop Ogden for $67 00 for the building fund. This was the revenue from a basketball game between the Young Furies and the Old-timers. Incidently, the Old-timers won and retained the sought-after-trophy.

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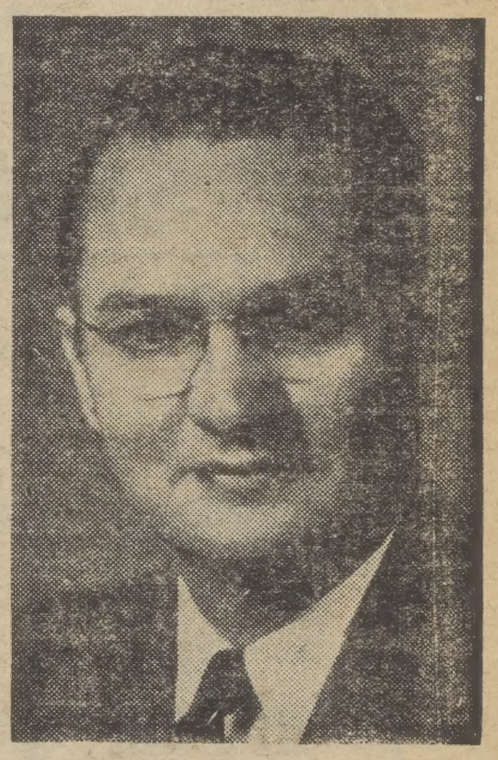


Dimick Heads Record-Breaking Business; Makes "Mechanical Nose"

By Gay Taylor

Six years ago a man had a idea. In January, 1962, the idea had become a company which had grown explosively to become the world leader in unit volume of sales in its field. Such is the typical American success story of a man with faith in old-fashioned values: making a good product at a good price, and selling a service rather than just a piece of merchandise.

The man is Dr. Keene P. Dimick a chemist who until recently was a member of Walnut Creek ward of the Walnut Creek stake in California. The explosive growth of his company forced him to move to Santa Rosa a few weeks ago, where he is preparing a new factory site for the Wilkins Instrument and Research company, of which he virtually the sole owner.

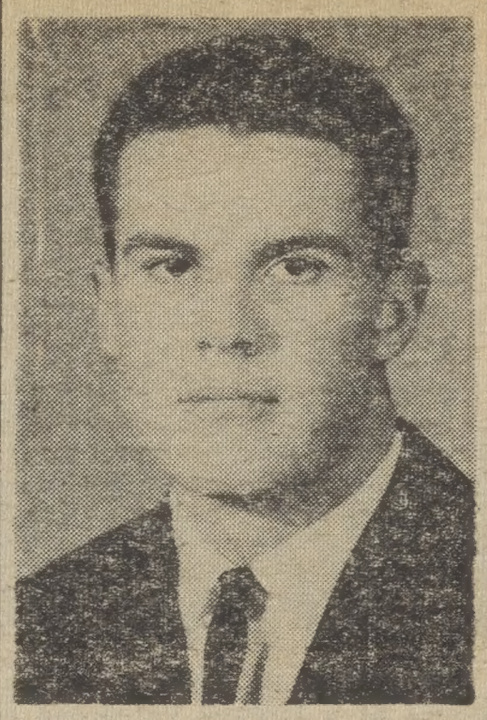
The company manufactures instruments for gas chromatography analysis, which, in the field of science, is considered one of the important breakthroughs of recent years. The gas chromatograph is, literally, a mechanical nose, which can analyze perfumes, flavors smog, smoke, gasses — anything that will vaporize.

The machine is so sensitive that it can analyze the human breath. In fact, a machine that was used to test the purity of air in a food processing plant acted strangely erratic, indicating a contamination in the air that was traced to the breath of a worker who had eaten garlic for lunch.

In the spring of 1956, Dr. Dimick had been working for nine years as a Government chemist at the Western Regional Research Laboratory at Albany, California, trying to find what made a strawberry smell like a strawberry. Catching the elusive essence of smell and taste in a test tube had proved a long and involved road of research. But in the later stages of the work he constructed a gas chromatograph, the principle of which had been developed by other men, and found himself able to do in a matter of hours analysis what had taken months by previous methods.

Realizing what it would mean to research chemists and to industry if the machine could be made into a small, accurate and inexpensive unit and placed on the market, Dimick took the plunge. With two other men he formed Wilkins Instrument and Research, Inc. A machine was perfected and assembled in the summer of 1956. That fall it sold. Presently the company was selling four or five instruments a month, and things looked rosy. But then sales began dropping, and by the spring of 1958, Dimick's associates became discouraged. One dropped out of the company, the other remained with but a minor interest.

And then at the American Chemical Society convention held in San Francisco in the spring of 1958, the Aerograph gas chromotograph offered by the Wilkins company was a smash hit. Sales spurted, continuing an upward surge until, in January of this year, the company was selling more instruments than anyone else in the world.



JOHN THOMAS LITTLE will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City March 19 and will serve a mission in Chile. The son of Mrs. Shirley Behrmann of Los Altos and Dr. Franklin D. Little of Sacramento, he is a 1959 graduate of Los Altos High school. He has attended the BYU for pre-dental studies.

Willard D. Stephens Compiles Surnames Listed By Members Of Leadership Genealogical Classes

Willard D. Stephens, Burlingame, genealogical class secretary of the first and second annual (1959 and 1960) genealogical classes at the B.Y.U. Leadership Weeks has done a monumental piece of work in compiling all the class members, their addresses, and the surnames on which they are doing research.

This voluminous compilation has been mailed to the class members and a copy sent to the Messenger's business office (I. B. Ball) in Berkeley. There is also included an index of places where information on surnames is being sought.

Brother Kopp was the instructor in the advanced class in geneology in 1959 class (7:30-8:30 p.m.) daily. The 1960 classes were taught by Sister Pearl Sparks of 9866 Lawler Street, Oakland, California.

The members of these classes will be looking for the report on the 1961 Leadership Week genealogical classes. No secretary could have been more unselfish and efficient than has Willard Stephens, to whom great praise is due.

San Francisco Ward Heralds Three Births

By George Kaides

There has been a succession of three births in the San Francisco ward during the month of January.

First Collen and Walter Wunerlich were blessed on January 11, with a 7 lb 3 oz girl, Katherine Wonderlich. Mother and daughter are home from the Kaiser hospital.

Then Rene and David Chaffee were blessed on January 26, with a 7lb girl, Leslie Anna Chaffee. After leaving the Kaiser hospital, they are now resting comfortably at home.

Karen and Albert Call were blessed January 31, at Children's Hospital with a 7lb 8oz girl, Susan Dawn Call.

Collen Kay Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, is a sophomore at BYU in Provo, college of Hawaii for the spring semester. She flew over on February 3.

Anna Elizabeth Lawson is recuperating from a fall in which she fractured her hip. Members of the San Francisco Ward have missed her presence in the church and wish her a speedy recovery.

On Fast Sunday, February 4, the San Francisco Ward had some blessings. There was Robert Brian Doctor, son of Robert Lyon and Marion Elaine Doctor. He was blessed by Elder Grant Lund. Andrew Wiliam Rowe ,son of William Irving and Alice Rowe, was blessed by his father. Richard Leslie and Norman Leslie Longshaw, sons of Norman and Ruth Ann Longshaw, were blessed. Richard was blessed by Bishop Thomas Call and Norman was blessed by Kenneth Glew.

Death Strikes Ward Families

January 18, Suzanna Colvin, 22-month old daughter of Dr. Richard Colvin and Ann Colvin passed away. Shortly after, on January 24, Shirley S. Eaton, husband of Belva Eaton, died at the age of 61 years.

Scouts Host Parents' Night In Walnut Creek

By Dorothea Marker

Scout Troop 211 of Walnut Creek Ward held their annual Parents Night February 13.

Reports of the years activities were given by Scout Masters, Tom Johnson and Dean Hurd. Glen Spencer, Committee Chairman, greeted parents; Michael Marker reported on the summer camp held last year; and a Fire demonstration was given by Dennis Bledsoe. A movie of past Scout hikes under the leadership of Tony Clark was shown.

The Parents Night finale was a very clever skit presented by scouts Perry Jewkes, Paul Pyle, Brent Henderson, Alan Weeks, Jeff Johnson, Michael Marker and Dennis Bledsoe.

The Junior Sunday School made a "Friendship Chain" for Sister Bessie Gilbert, who is in the Kaiser Hospital recovering from a major operation.

Proud parents of new babies are: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phillips, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Freeman, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. John Beddnar, a son.

Venette and Gary Jones have moved to Logan, Utah. Venette was Chorister in the Primary. Sustained and now serving as Chorister is Carolyn Snel. Gary was Ward Finance Clerk. Brother Max Green has been chosen to serve in this capacity.

New Sunday School workers are: Ellen Haddock as Assistant Librarian, and Nadine Wilcox as Teacher.

Beth Chamberlain has been called to serve as a Teacher in the YWMIA.

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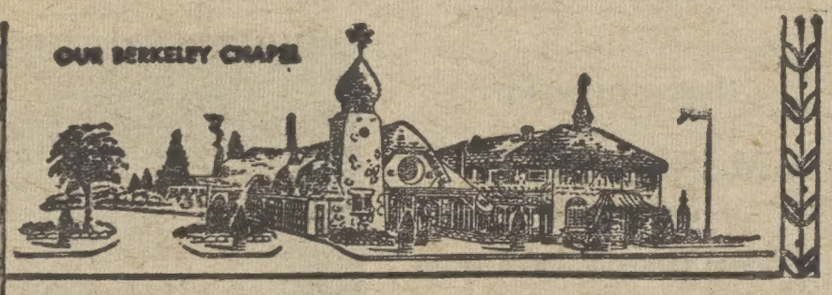

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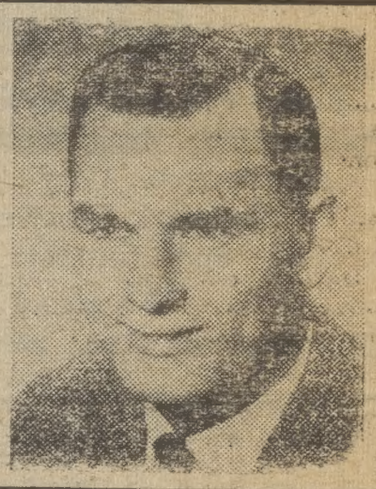

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Martinez Ward

Reception Held For Newlyweds In Martinez

The Martinez Ward recreation room was the scene of a wedding reception held recently for Susan and George Duke.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hatt, and her husband is the son of Bessie and Boyd Duke. Bridesmaid at the couple's wedding was Lindia Houseour, and best man was Mike Bradler.

Highlighting the entertainment at the couple's reception were several musical presentations.

A selection was sung by a trio of women composed of Carla Zenk, Nelda Polson, and Katherine Woloff. They were accompanied by Audrey Easton. Margaret Frost, accompanied by Loraine Leffler, sang a solo. Carla and Bill Zenk sang a duet, and Thomas Neves played a group of piano solos.

Dorothy Cottom and Laverne Perry presided at the gift table, while Sandra Harrison, Bobby Ingram and David Duke were at the Brides Book table.

Serving punch and cake were Renae Parsons, Deanna Kozakevich, Thelma Parsons, and Louella Parsons.

The beautiful four-tiered wedding cake which was enjoyed by the guests was made by the groom's mother.

In other Martinez Ward news, Brother Wilbur Parsons is at home after a serious automobile accident.

Mark Scott Adams, son of John and Darlene Adams, was blessed on February 4.

Priethood confirmations this month were: Richard La Pointe and Gary Fullmer, Elders; Michael Mc Guire and Mark Patton, deacons.

Confirmations: Candace Bradler, Mark Getty Patton, and Valerie Ann Cooper.

Hattie Vom Dorp is visiting in Portland with her daughter's family, the Ronald Hughes.

New Mission Ward Leaders

New assignments in Mission ward are: Leonora C. Barber, president of the Relief Society with Louise Libby as first counselor. Carol Lee Welling is president of the YWMIA with Lois Painter as age group counselor; Linda Laws, activities counslor; and Elma Libby, general secretary. James Lambert is president of the Elders' quorum. Elder Everette Henry will teach for the Aaronic Priesthood over 21 quorum. New Deacons' quorum officers are: Michael Zayac, president; Gene Nelson, first and Steven Culber, second counselors and John Zayac, secretary.

Lolo Wadsworth of our ward is proud to announce that her grandson, Samuel G. Wadsworth, of Dallas, Texas, left Salt Lake City on January 29, for a mission in Mexico. Samuel G. Wadsworth is the son of S. V. Wadsworth of Irondale, Missouri.

Bishop Conrad Barber of Mission Ward is happy that his son, Melvin, a student at San Francisco City College, is the new President of his college's Deseret Club. Melvin, who plans to become an archiect, is a Priest and also active in Mission Ward's YMMIA.

The families of Petersen, Gibby, Manning, Foster, Dock, Wright, and Craven have moved out of the ward. Most of these families will be in other Bay Area wards. For those who may wish to keep in touch with Norville and Joyce Craven, who have moved out of the state, their new address is "5126 So. 4460 West, Kearns, 18, Utah."

February 15, Mission Ward held the first Aaronic Priesthood over 21 School for adult members and their wives. This school is similar to the one which San Francisco Stake has used in the past to help men to prepare for their advancement to the Melchizedek Priesthood and to aid their wives to learn what this priesthood will mean for them and their families. The school will run for 12 weeks, with classes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Class instructor is Gene B. Welling, of Mission Ward.

Berkeley Second

Young People Are Honored

By Olea Woolf

Recognition has come to several young people of Berkeley Second ward:

David Jensen, son of Ralph and Helen Jensen and grandson of former Dr. Franklin Harris, past president of BYU and USU won first place in the 11th grade division for physical sciences and will enter the San Francisco regional run—offs in April.

David Kuhre, son of Dr. Calvin and Roma Kuhre, won the fourth graders first award in the West Contra Costa Science fair.

Larry Gilbert has been elected student association president of Contra Costa College. His picture, along with other members of the student body officers, appeared in a recent copy of the Berkeley Daily Gazette.

Also featured in the same issue of the Gazette was Gayle Evans who was awarded a Community Service Silver Seal Award in the Appreciation of Excellence in Youth competition. Gayle has also won a cash award presented by the Drama Club, the Victor Schott plaque presented by the Best Music Company, and the Florence Jones cash award for scholarship and general activity.

The ward is sorry to lose two of its young families, Wildan and Janeice Bowman who have been transferred to Eureka and Brother and Sister Kenneth Lee who have moved to the Berkeley First Ward whre Kenneth, who is doing graduate work in engineering will be closer to the university.

We welcome new members, Brother and Sister Piercey who were baptized February 16.

A Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America was held jointly by Berkeley second and Richmond wards, Sunday, February 4.

Emma Jensen, age 80, nas just enjoyed her first air trip to Los Angeles where she visited members of her family.

San Leandro Ward

5 Individual Awards Given

In February, Individual Aaronic Priesthood awards were received by Rodney Jackson, Robert Pendley, Steven Pendley, Ronald Frye and Michael Frye.

Gary Allen Bigelow was ordained a Deacon and Ronald West Frye was ordained a Priest.

Two babies were blessed in February: Lori JoAnn Wright, daughter of Robert Francis Wright and wife Joyce; and Thor Michael Anderson, son of Keith Herbert Anderson and wife Julie.

Thirty-seven of the ward fireside group, including chaperones, left on a Friday evening in the rain and drove to Dodge Ridge where they enjoyed a winter wonderland of snow. They returned Saturday evening.

A daughter was born on Valentine's Day to Dr. David Morris and wife, Leona.

The Mutual Marrieds enjoyed an evening of bowling recently. On February 18 they met at the Ed Wakefield home where they enjoyed home movies furnished by the group and also refreshments.

Bill Jackson and family are visiting at the home of Bill's parents, the A. G. Jacksons. Bill and wife Audrey are waiting for space on a plane to Japan where they will vacation for a time.

An especially enjoyable sacrament meeting recently was a "Read the Scriptures" night with comments by: Donna Randall, Church publications (The Improvement Era); Kenneth Frye, The Old Testament; Adrian Schipper, The New Testament; Gary Borden, Book of Mormon; Arthur Wood, Doctrine and Covenants; and Thomas Noble, Pearl of Great Price. There were songs by the Primary children. One third of the ward members attended.

Alameda Ward

Dinner March 5th

By Violet Pinckney and Lue Seavers

Our Alameda ward welfare dinner, sponsored by the Sunday School, February 2, was a success. Our next dinner will be March 5, sponsored by the Relief Society. Our Bishopric urges all to support the welfare dinners — this is an easy way for us to support the welfare program and enjoy ourselves at the same time.

Ludine DeCelle has an interesting and successful method of teaching her Junior Sunday school class. She gives each child points for attendance, cooperation, reverance and participation. Children who score highest receive a white Bible and "runners-up" a black Bible. Those who received white Bibles, when they were promoted this year, were Paula Jones, Corey Partning and David Berrey. Six children received black Bibles.

Gail Slangerup Rowle is spending the next six months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slangerup, while her husband, Joseph, completes his active duty at Fort Ord. Afterward, they will return to Utah where he will resume studies at Brigham Young university.

Medie Hughes and granddaughter, Julie Tedders, went to Nampa, Idaho. Medie will attend her daughter, Elaine Parry, who recently gave birth to her seventh child. Her husband, Atwell, became Bishop of their ward in December.

We want to welcome back into Alameda ward, Roger and Helen Lorz and small son, Timothy Allen.

C. V. 2nd Has Feb. 14 Dance

Bishop and Mrs. Herbert Marsh are the proud parents of a new baby girl born February 13th. Mother and daughter doing well.

The new son of Brother and Sister George Blazin was given a name and a blessing by his father at Sacrament Meeting February 4th.

On February 6th, Sisters Eddy Hall and Mary Blazin were hostesses at a baby shower for our Bishop's wife. The party was held at the home of Sister Hall on Selby Drive. Her lovely home was beautifully and appropriately decorated. The party was well attended by ladies of the Ward.

A Valentine dance was held by the M.I.A., Wednesday February 14th. Refreshments were served by officers of the Mutual.

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Berkeley First

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M.I.A. girls were winners of the stake attendance trophy for the past three months. Our new Laurel leader is Alma Deane Feller.

February 4, at the Scout Court of Honor, Mark Mills, son of Alice Mae Mills, received the Eagle Scout award and four merit badges under the direction of Victor L. Lindblad. Talks, rededication of principles of scouting, oaths and codes were given by the boys. Slides and movies of four major trips were also presented. Others receiving badges were: Clifford Funk, Dana Banks and Mike Epling, first class; Lee Barnhart, second class, Fred Feller, Kim Mahoney, merit badges.

We want to welcome Shirley and Ken Lee and their three children to the ward. Ken is attending the University of California. They are living in the village.

Your ward reporter is happy to announce the arrival of David Brooke, son of Donald and Charlene Jenson. This makes three boys for the Jensons. He was born on January 31 and weighed 8 lbs. 11½ oz.

Joe and Florence Romney and two children have left the University of Calif. to attend school at the University of Utah. Calvin and Dixie Wood and four children are in Livermore at the present time. Calvin will be teaching school at the University of Utah in the fall.

Alameda Ward

Lloyd Graham Is New Clerk

By Lue Seavers and Violet M. Pinckney

Gerald L. Fralich has been released as ward clerk and Lloyd Graham has been sustained to take his place. Assistant clerks are Granville N. Howland, Jr., and J. Melvin Call, Jr.

Honored recently at a luncheon at the home of Lillian Miner were Marian Gooch and Wilma Bell for their work in the Young Women's Mutual Improvement association. Betty Hansen assisted with the luncheon.

Sharon Murray has been sustained as a junior Sunday School teacher.

Ordinations: Howard Mann to Deacons; Lawrence Podwys to Teacher; Granville H. Howland, Jr., to Elder.

Children blessed: Robert Julie Tissot, Kelly D. Hammer, Kip LeRoy Johnson, Carol Beth Deardeuff, Thomas Wayne Jensen, Terri Ann Jensen.

Baptisms, children: Donna Marie Powers, Verla Lorraine Smith, Laurie Ann Buchan, Janet LeLin Berrey, Danny Michael Manful, Michael Anthony Hawks.

Verla Smith, our Junior Sunday school coordinator is again performing her duties after a bout with pneumonia.

Castro Valley Ward

Party To Mark Relief Society 17th Birthday

By Afton Eagles

Plans are now being made by the Castro Valley Ward for the March 17th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Relief Society.

The party has been tentatively set for Tuesday March 13, with more details slated to be announced at a later date.

The Relief Society began the new year with some new leaders. The new message leader is Edna Stokes. She replaces Grace Gordon, who has been called to the Stake Board, in the Social Science Department. The new Chorister is Blanche Blackburn, and the new secretary is Nola Papa, who replaces Afton Thompson, who is now the Primary President.

Several persons' are on the convalescent list this month, we wish each a speedy recovery. Bishop Brown is recovering in his home after weeks in the hospital following an accident while riding his horse. Bobby Roe, Son of Brother and Sister Leonard Roe, is home after weeks in traction at the hospital after being run over by a car. Mark Ramey, son of Brother and Sister Dale Ramey, is on the mend after surgery earlier this month.

In other news, the Robert Eilmas family left our Ward earlier this month to move to Auburn.

Church Member Opens Mortuary

The Oak Park Hills Chapel of Walnut Creek, operated by Roger F. Magleby, recently held open house to hundreds of friends and well-wishers from all parts of Northern California.

Mr. Magleby, formerly of Pittsburg Ward where he had been counselor to two bishops, is presently group leader of the high priests quorum in Pleasant Hill Ward.

Roger attended San Francisco State College and San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He then interned in Berkeley with the Berkeley Hills Chapel beginning an association which continues to this day.

Visitors were impressed in their tours of the spacious mortuary (which features three chapels) with such items of special interest as an imported, hand-carved, Italian marble mantel; solid India-brass door fixtures, and Belgian chandeliers and light fixtures.

Also impressive is the over-all decor. The atmosphere is cheerful, the building is spacious, and the pastel colors produce a pleasing effect of light and harmony.

Because of this atmosphere, and much to the surprise of Mr. Magleby, several weddings were requested and scheduled for the near future.

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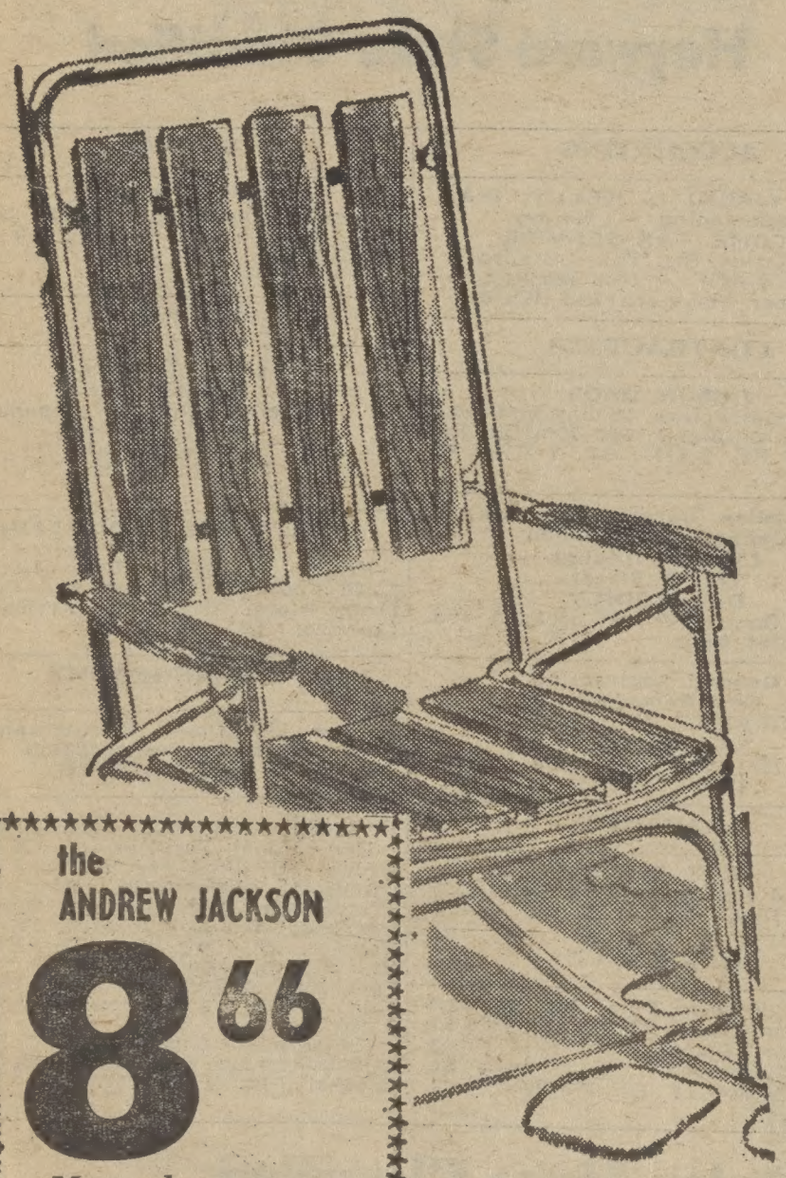

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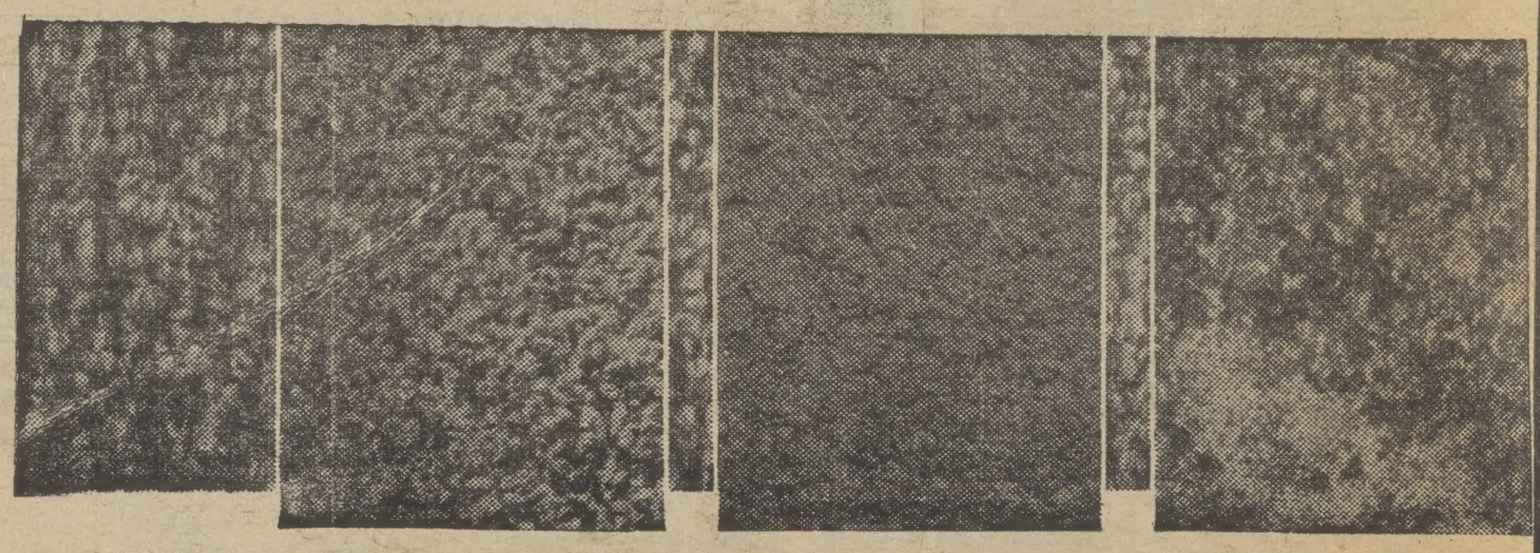

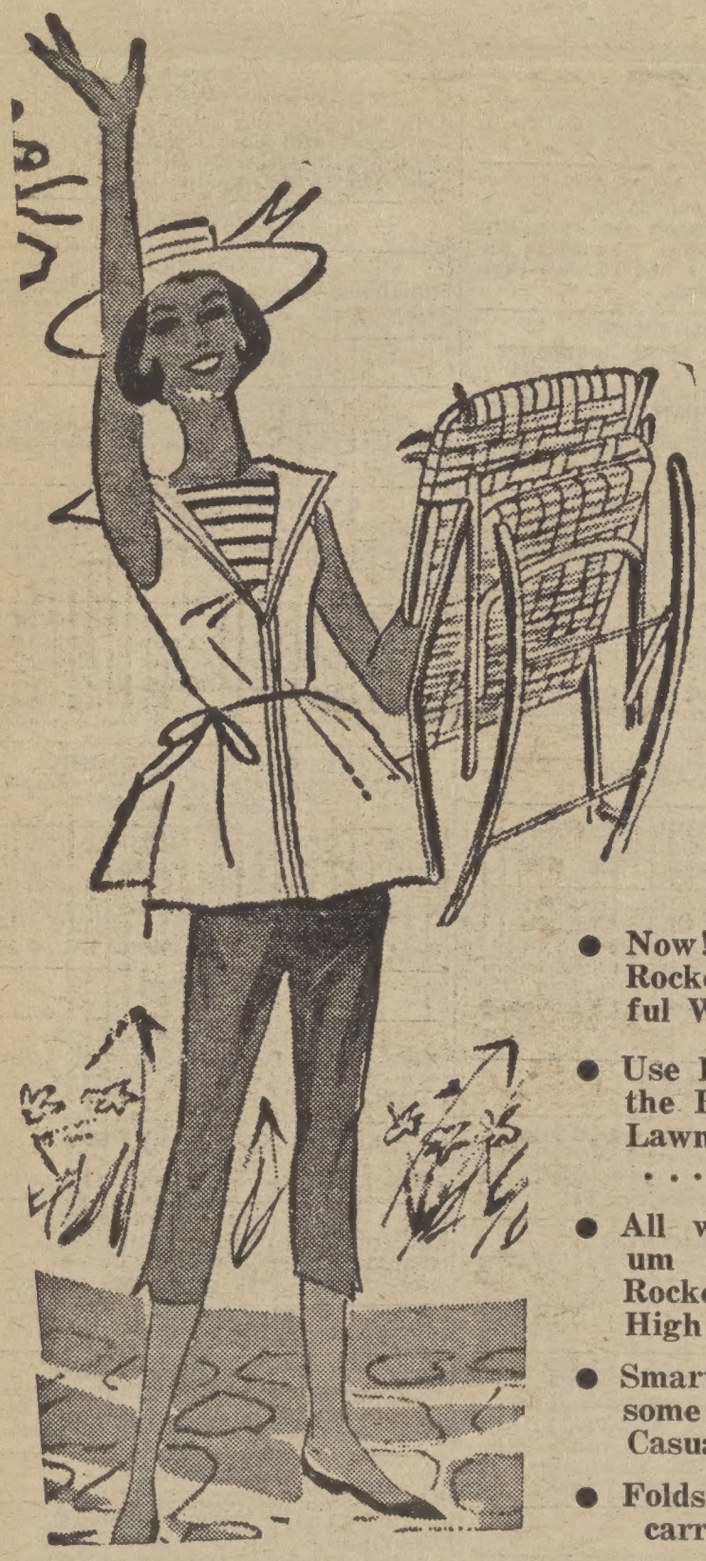

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